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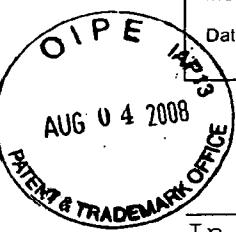
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Application No.: 10/813,213 : Group Art Unit: 3733  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated May 1, 2008, finally rejecting claims 1-4 and 6-20.